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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/1567989</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/GB2004/003457</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>11 August 2004 (11.08.2004)</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>11 August 2003 (11.08.2003)</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>CONNECTION ASSEMBLY FOR FLEXIBLE CONTAINERS</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>HUGHES, Derek; BRIMSON, Michael Ronald</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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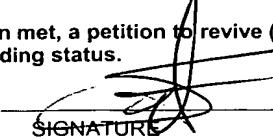
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